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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, as an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b), or as a representation that no other possibly material information, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b), exists.

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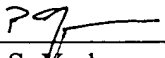
Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention that the present patent application is generally related in subject matter to a co-pending application entitled, "Method and Apparatus for Enhancing Discrete Pixel Images by Analyzing Image Structure," Application Serial No.: 09/476,684, filed December 30, 1999.

Furthermore, the references listed on the attached Form 1449 are not to be construed as an admission that these references qualify as prior art as to the above-referenced application or any related application. Rather, these references are being presented for the Examiner's consideration without prejudice to Applicants' right to demonstrate that any of these references do not qualify as prior art should the Examiner choose to apply any of these references.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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